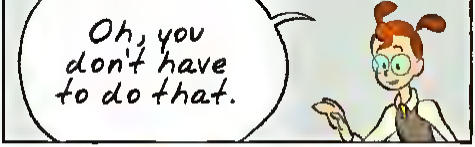
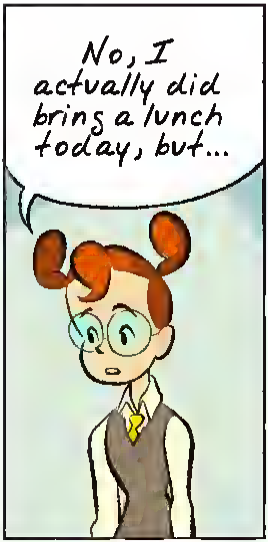

Oh, you don't have to do that.

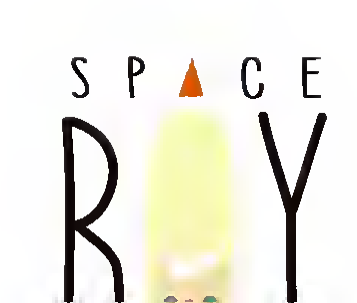
You on a diet or something?


No, I actually did bring a lunch today, but...

uh...

...someone stepped on it.

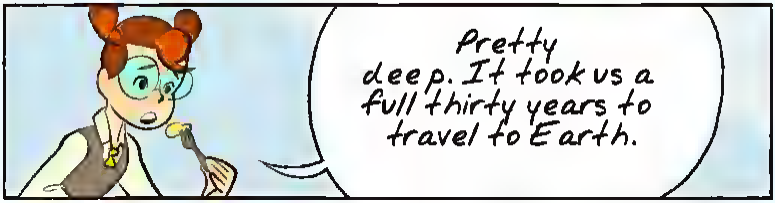
I like your pony tails.
Thanks.
So...
Uh...
Sorry, what was your name again?


SPACE
BOY

Huh.
I never thought of it that way.
I guess I am a time traveler.

Good.
Now, are you going to let us buy you lunch, or what?

How deep are we talking here?


Pretty deep. It took us a full thirty years to travel to Earth.

Whoa.
Did they put you in cryogenic stasis?
Of course they did, stupid, or else she'd be like forty-five years old.

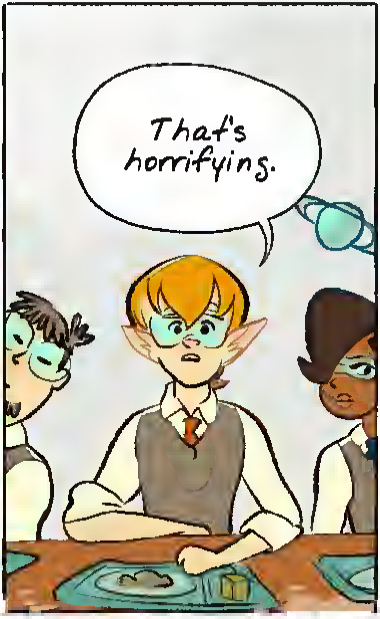
Forty-six, actually.

Did it hurt? Like, when they froze you?

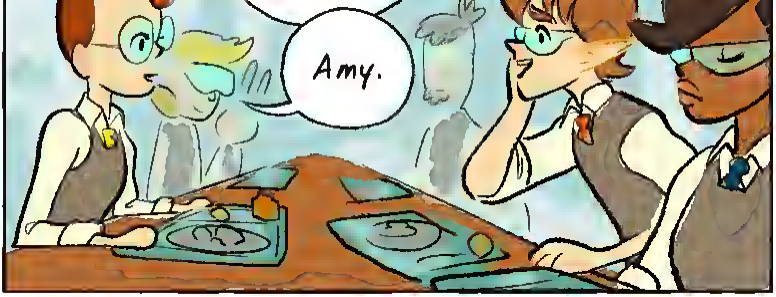
Not really. Not that I can

Amy, this is Howard, Logan, Meisha, Maki, and Zeph.
Hello!
Hi!

tall.
Ammm...
I think we know who you're talking about.
Do you know his name? I tried talking to him but he just ignored me.
No one really knows his name-- he


That's horrifying.

Weren't you scared?
I didn't think too


Amy.

So. Amy. Tell us about yourself.

Well, I just moved here.
To Earth, I mean.
I used to live on a mining colony in deep space.

Deep

Seriously? Who?

Some boy.
He had white hair.
Was kind of

Yeah, I don't have any money.

I'll buy you a meal.
My treat.

Yes.
Friends.
I don't know when it happened...
...but somehow...

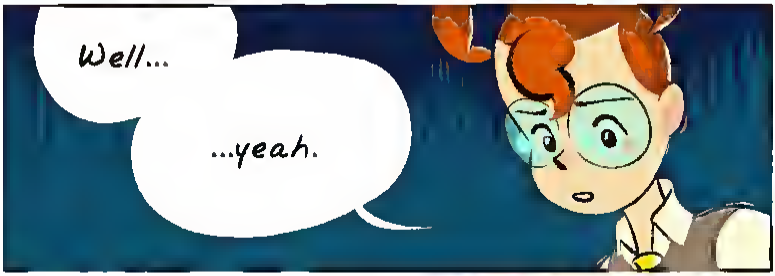
doesn't go to class much.
All I know is you should stay away from him.

Why?

This might sound crazy, but I think he's possessed or something.

What?

Think about it.
When you saw him, didn't you sense something was a little off?
Like something inside him was broken, or missing?


Well...
...yeah.

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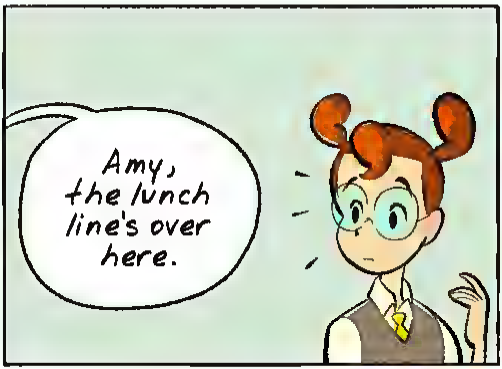
remember.

I can't imagine being asleep for that long...

Oh, stasis isn't the same as sleep. It's not like going to bed and then waking up.
It's more like they turn you off and then turn you back on thirty years later.
Like, you stop existing for a bit.

I'm serious!
Some kids swear they can feel this, like, dark aura coming off him. They say if you look into his eyes for too long, you start getting nightmares.
Oh, come on. You guys are just trying to scare me.

hard about it.
I had a lot of other stuff on my mind.
So that's why you didn't know how to use net gear. You skipped the last thirty years.
You're a time traveler!


Amy, the lunch line's over here.

Oh, Im not getting a lunch.
You go ahead.
Are you sure?

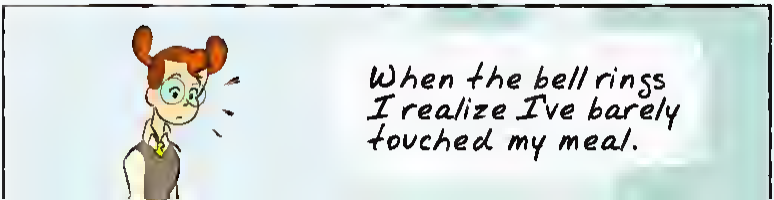
I made some friends!

Just promise me you'll stay away from him, okay?
You're a nice girl. I can tell. I don't want you to get hurt.

Well, okay. If it makes you feel better.

I scarf down as much as I can, while a few of my new friends wait for me.

I get bombarded with questions for the rest of the lunch period.


When the bell rings I realize I've barely touched my meal.